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TO : Deputy Director (Administration)

DATE: 14 October 1953

FROM : Assistant to the Director

SUBJECT: Request for Information

Sam Stavisky of the Washington POST telephoned that he had an idea for a story that would need CIA help. He said that some applicants fear tests to be given them by a hush-hush agency and this might be overcome if he could have information taking an individual through the series of tests, or if he could tell how we check and make investigations of applicants, or if we could give him types of questions asked in various tests, etc.

I told him I did not hold out any hope of helping him but I would check into it. I talked with Colonel Edwards and then called Stavisky back to tell him that we could not give him any assistance on such a project.

He asked what would happen if they ran a story on their own. I told him that that would be speculation and there is nothing that we could do or would want to do if they ran a speculation story. He said, "Well, I'll have to try to get this information from another angle."

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